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ENGLAND ANXIOUSLY AWAITS NEWS OF THE ATTACK ON SPION KOP,

Hope That Re-enforcements Wiff Arrive in well-directed Boer bombardment on Jan. 23. Time to Turn the Scale in British Favor -Last Despatches From Buller's Camp Tell of Fighting on Tuesday Before, the Critical Assault on Spion Kop-Crowds Around the War Office All Day. Special Cable Despatch to THE BON.

LONDON, Jan. 25,-The anxious suspense into which Gen. Buller's announcement of his impending assault on Spion Kop plunged the country has not been relieved. There is nothing from any source indicating whether the attack was delivered.

The affecting scenes at the War Office continued until past midnight, when the disapcrowd rejuctantly started homeward after being notified that nothing more would be issued before morning. The Marquis of Lansdowne, Sec retary of State for War, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, and George Wyndham, Parltamentary Under Secretary for War, were in attendance at the War Office all day awaiting news from Gen. Buller. The military clubs were crowded from early morning with members who patiently waited to hear from South Africa.

The best balanced criticism regards the British and Boers as being evenly matched. The question is raised whether reenforcements can possibly reach Gen. Buller before the erisis is reached. Over six battalions of infantry and the artillery of the Sixth Divison, which reached Cape Town some days ago, have not been reported since and the hope is ventured that they have gone to Natal and that they will arrive in time to turn the scale in Gen. Buller's favor.

There is news of fighting on Tuesday, lasting from 6 o'clock in the morning until dusk, but it was not a general engagement. Boer artillery, however, was more active, the fifteen-pounders they captured at Colenso throwing shrapnel, though apparently doing little damage. According to one account the Boers retired towards the Drakensbergen, but evidently there was nothing like a general retreat.

A despatch from Spearman's Camp, under date of Tuesday evening, says: "The field artillery and a few howitzers this morning shelled the Boer left from a koppe on the right, the infantry keeping up a continyous rifle fire from good cover. The Boers abandoned the summit of the kopje which they had been holding and the British then occupied it, but the enemy took shelter behind a stone wall on the side of the kopje and held the position for hours. They retreated in the afternoon, the British dropping shrapnel and lyddite shells on them as they crossed a ravine. The British then occupied the position they had held. The

casualties were few." The Daily Mail remains in sole enjoyment of its Liebon sensation. Its correspondent is represented as adding to the story published yesterday that the breach of neutrality was on Portugal's side. He says that the smallest, if any, impediment is being put in the way of the Boers. If this is proved the result will be most disastrous for Portugal. The reenforcements demanded by the Governor of Lorenzo Marques have not

ye been sent. The Mail's correspondent at Lorenzo Marpassengers who had booked for the Transvaal have been stopped by an order from Portugal. The Russian ambulance which arrived on the steamer Gironde was excepted from the oper-

The Morning Leader's Berlin correspondent says a report reaches there by way of Brussels that Gen. Warren's advance has been abortiv He has suffered such severe losses that he is unable at present to continue hostilities.

A despatch to the Times from Spearman's Camp, dated Jan. 23, describes Tuesday's fighting, and adds: "We are no further advanced. The Boers are prepared to fight almost interminably, having intrenched their ridge, which stretches in an almost unbroken line from the Drakensbergen many miles to the eastward.

A despatch from Cape Town to the Times, sent under date of Jan. 23, says there is little doubt that a movement is quietly proceeding among certain leading members of the Afrikander Bond to make the first decisive British victory or the first invasion of republican territory the signal for a violent peace agitation, accompanying an appeal for magnanimity, by covertly hinting that they will be unable to restrain the Dutch in the colony from taking arms. The correspondent adds that if the Dutch rural population are firmly but considerately treated, there is little fear that agitation in Cape Town will lead to seri-

The papers criticise the War Office for publishing Gen. Buller's plans concerning the attack on Spion Kop. The Times says:

"The censors have been ready enough suppress, without reason, news that the public was entitled to know. The War Office seems to have fallen into the opposite error. Be the reasons for this injudicious step what they may, the result has been to needlessly keep the public mind in a state of cruel suspense."

MACRUM TO SAIL SATURDAY.

Will Leave Cherbourg for New York-Denies All Alleged Interviews.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, Jan. 24.-Mr. Macrum, formerly United States Consul at Pretoria, told the correspondent of THE SUN to-day that it was untrue that he had been interviewed at Naples or elsewhere, despite the fact that certain newspapers had published alleged interviews with him. He added that he did not know until yesterday that Dr. Leyds, the European representative of the Transvaal was in Paris. He had neither seen him nor communicated with him. Mr. Macrum ridiculed the rumor that he and Dr. Leyds are in Paris with a common ob-

Mr. Macrum will sail from Cherbourg on the the American Line steamer St. Paul on Saturday. He will not go to London. He is apparently surprised and amused by the importance that has been thrust upon him.

Sent to Search for a Disabled Transport.

CAPE Town, Jan. 23.—The transport Cymric has been sent from here to search for the disabled transport Manchester Corporation and tow her to this port. The Manchester Corporation has on board the Royal Horse Artillery and when spoken on Saturday, 500 miles northeast of the island of Ascension, signalled that she had lost two blades of her propeller.

Another German Ship Released.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Jan. 24.-The Post says that the German bark Hans Wagner, which was seized by the British and taken to Port Elizabeth has een released. It adds that the British aban-

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BOMBARDMENT OF KIMBERLEY.

Well-Directed Fire on Tuesday, but Ther Were No Casualties in the Town. Special Cabis Despatch to THE SUN. MODDER RIVER, Jan. 24.-A heliogram from Kimberley gives an account of a severe and

There were no casualties, but there were a number of narrow escapes. The heliogram added that all the white employes of the De Beers Mining Company, num bering 6,000 have turned soldiers. They are receiving their usual wages from the company. The company is also employing 4,000 natives in road making, &c. The weekly wages amoun

to £2,000. The populace are well and cheerful. The authorities compel dealers to charge normal prices for necessaries, but luxuries command famine prices.

KIMBERLET'S NEW GUN WORKS WELL 'Long Cecil" Named in Honor of Rhodes

Who Fires Several Shells From It. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MODDER RIVER, Jan. 22.-A heliogram from Kimberley says: "Our 'Long Cecil' works excellently. Rhodes has fired several shells."

The "Long Cecil" is a 28-pound gun that was manufactured in the works of the De Beers Mining Company at Kimberley. It was named in honor of Cecil Bhodes, who is now in Kim-

THE APPEAL TO M'KINLEY. Nearly 100,000 Signatures Now on the Brus

sels Petition for Intervention.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BRUSSELS, Jan. 24.- The signatures to the national address prepared at a mass meeting held here on Jan. 4, which asks President Mc-Kinley to fatervene in the South African war number nearly 100,000. Twice as many are expected in a fortnight, when the address will be forwarded to Washington.

NEGRO RESOLUTION AGAINST BOERS.

Declaration That They Have Treated the Natives of Africa Shamefully.

Boston, Jan. 24.-W. T. Ferris, a negro student in the Harvard divinity school, presented strong anti-Boer resolutions at a meeting of the Colored National League in the Chartes Street A. M. E. Church last evening. He gave his reason for opposition to the Boers, that their triumph meant slavery and their defeat freedom. In supporting the resolution Mr. Ferris said:

"The treatment which the natives have

Ferrissaid:
The treatment which the natives have received from the Boers has been most shameful. They have been whipped and yoked as oxen to carts. The Boers are fighting for their liberty, yet they are keeping silent about the liberty of the natives. We should remember that we are still negroes and must side with those to whom we are related."

At the close of the address the motion to allow the matter to go over to the Executive Committee and to appear at the next meeting prevailed.

Sympathy for the British.

BUFFALO, Jan. 24.-To offset the Pro-Boer meeting recently held at the Lyceum Theatre, a number of prominent Buffalonians last night heid a meeting at the Tifft House, and adopted resolutions of sympathy for the British. A fund was started for the relief of the widows and orphans of British soldiers. Circulars calling for subscriptions to this fund are being sent out.

For Widows and Orphans of the Boers. George W. Van Sicien announced yesterday that as treasurer of the fund for the widows and orphans of the Boers, he had received up to Jan. 17. additional subscriptions amounting to \$1,046.75. Altogether since the fund was started over \$1,800 has been subscribed. The subscriptions have come from all over the country and vary in amounts from 25 cents to \$200.

Boer Resolution Shelved in Texas. Austin, Tex., Jan. 24.-In the House of Representatives to-day a concurrent resolution. extending the sympathy of the Texas Legisla-ture to the Boers in their war with England, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations by a vote of 73 year and 37 nays.

WOMAN WITH DIAMONDS RUN OVER.

to Show Her Name. A woman dressed in dark clothing of good quality, and apparently about 50 years old, was knocked down at Fourteenth street and Eighth avenue yesterday afternoon Eighth avenue yesterday afternoon by a brewery wagon driven by Dennis Horan of 450 West 125th street. She was taken to New York Hospital suffering from internal injuries and at 1 o'clock this morning had not recovered consciousness. There was nothing about her to give any clue to her identity. She wore a diamond brooch and a diamond ring. Horan was arrested and locked up in the West Twentieth street station.

DEAD BROUGHT FROM MANILA.

Commodore Carlin's Body Among Those

on the Transport City of Pekin. San Francisco, Jan. 24.—The transport City of Pekin arrived to-day from Mania with the bodies of 150 soldiers. It is doubtful whether the Board of Health will permit the bodies to be landed and buried here, as many of theimen died of smallpox and fevers. W. Carlin died on Dec. 31. Among the prominent officers who re-turned on the City of Pekin are Capt. W. H. Leutze of the Monterey. Capt. Tappan, late of the gunboat Caleo, and Capt. V. T. Coltmann of the collier Brutus. In the steerage are 176 convalescents, discharged soldiers and prisbodies of 150 soldiers. It is doubtful whether

convalescents, discharged soldiers and pris-Another Strike on Mr. Bockefeller's House. Still another strike took place yesterday on John D. Rockefeller's house, Fifty-fourth street and Fifth avenue. The last one was a strike of the varnishers against members of the Amalgamated Painters' Union doing varnishing gamated Painters' Union doing varnishing and was settled by the painters being taken off the varnishing and the varnishing being given to the varnishers. This time the painters struck to have the varnishers discharged and to have both painting and varnishing done by painters. Their places were promptly filled by members of the German Painters' Union, which is affiliated with the Board of Waiking Delegates, the latter having taken up the cudgels on behalf of the varnishers.

Father and Son Murdered. yesterday afternoon near Oak River Mills, in Limestone county, John Benningfield and his Limestone county, John Benningheid and the son John were killed by John Legg. The dif-ficulty arose over a settlement about some lum-ber. They could not agree in the matter and the two Benningfields mounted their wagon to drive away when Legg fired upon them at close range with his shotgun and killed them both. The elder Benningfield was 65 years old. Legg is 50 years old.

Legg is 50 years old. Burial of Soldiers Who Died at Santiago.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Funeral services over the bodies of forty-six soldiers who died the bodies of forty-six soldiers who died at Santiago during the Spanish war were held in Arlington National Cemetery to-day. The Rev. Mackay Smith of St. John's Episcopal Church and Father Dolan of St. Patrick's Catholic Church officiated. The President, in company with the Secretary of War and the Attorney-General, witnessed the ceremonies. A detachment of cavairy from Fort Myer fired the military salute over the grayes.

graves. Norwegian Warship Going to Bluefields. MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 24.-The steamship Yumuri reports that when she sailed from Bocas del Toro the Norwegian warship Ellida was at that port on the way to Biuefields to investi-gate the seizure of a Norwegian steamship for use as a troopship by the Nicaraguan authori-

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ENGLAND DUPED INTO WAR.

JOHN MORLEY SAYS IT IS ONLY A GOLD HUNTERS' CONSPIRACY.

Severe Attack on the Government Approved by His Audience-Must Fight It Out Now, He Says, but the Cause Is Unworthy He Takes a Gloomy View of the Future. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 24,-Mr. John Morley, M. P. Cormerly Chief Secretary for Ireland, in a speech at Forfar to-day made his first public utterance since the outbreak of the war. His speech was a trenchant indictment of the Government, and his audience endorsed his state-

ments with unexpected unanimity. Mr. Morley admitted that the Boer ultimatum made it necessary to vindicate the Queen's authority in her dominions, and said that Great Britain had no choice but to finish the war. The uitimatum, however, did not remove the complex questions which led to its delivery. He believed that if the sensible, sober and honest people of Great Britain examined in detail the grievances of the Uitlanders not one in a hundred would say that the question of righting these wrongs a little sooner or later was worth the sacrifice of a brave, chivalrous life like Gen. Wanchope's, or the cost of a single desolated home. It was the want of decent foresight and decent information concerning the spirit and temper of the Government and people of the Transvaal that led the Government to stumble into war in the dark. He believed that the Boers had also stumbled into war. but that did not excuse the British Government,

He did not attack the Ministers for not sufficiently preparing for war, but for allowing themselves to drift or to be dragged into a policy that made war certain. The language used in Parliament and in Sir Alfred Milner's despatches meant war or nothing, and over all was the trail of finance. There had been a conspiracy of gold hunters, some foreign and some British. It was a sordid plot against the peace of South Africa at the expense of the fame and strength of the British Empire. was maddening to think the well-intentioned plaint of Miss Jennie Wooding of 153 East people of Great Britain should be dupes in stock-jobbing manœuvres, a mere game of

bulls and bears. If it were true that there had also been a Dutch conspiracy was it creditable that the Government should imagine that such a peril would vanish by a mere reform of the franchise? The Government never believed that such a reform would be more than a mere temporary expedient, and a painful light was now shed on the want of good faith in the negotiations. The Government ought to have pursued what it had called an "eight-day clock policy," a patient, persuasive, conciliatory

Mr. Morley took a gloomy view of the future. He declared that much had been said about putting hands on the plow and not turning back, but, he asked, what seeds are being cast in the furrows, what crop are the British scattering? Tares, and a crop of tares. Great Britain not only faced the problem of the future appeasement of South Africa, but she might be called upon to face dangers in other quarters where the war had kindled passions and resentments. There was also the question of conscription. He doubted, too, whether the relations between Great Britain and her coloies would remain indefinitely what they were before the war. Suppose there was another peace conference at The Hague. The most polite diplomatist would burst out laughing if the British Ambassador appeared.

Mr. Moriev added that he had been attacked because of his attitude, but he asked whether the men who had promised to be in Pretoria on Christmas Day or the men who warned the ritish to look where they were going the patriots.

The meeting adopted a motion of confidence in Mr. Morley. In thanking his hearers for the vote Mr. Morley said that he had delivered his speech in direct disobedience of his medical advisers, but the crisis was such that it was his duty to face his constituents. He said, in conclusion, that the significance of their ex-pression of confidence could not be overrated.

BELIEVE PRESSLER IS DEAD.

Missing Brooklyn Man Probably the Victim of a Wreck in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 24.—The body of Emil Pressler, a Brooklyn man, for whom a search has been going on for more than a year, has been located in an unmarked grave at Sidney, Neb. On Jan. 9 list year the Union Pacific Overland train went into a ditch at Sunol. Among the unidentified dead was a passenger found under the sleeper.

Several months later the local police and the Union Pacific officials received inquiries from Union Pacific officials received inquiries from Oscar Pfeiffer of 222 Keap street, Brooklyn, N. Y., uncle of Emil Pressler, who had disappeare I in January while on his way from New York to Honoluiu. His ticket read "via the Erie, Northwestern, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific." His trunks arrived in San Francisco, but letters of credit on San Francisco banks were never presented. He had written a letter to his mother, dated Jan. 9. "One day out of Chicago," and mailed on the train.

A letter received to-day from the relatives of Press or ask the Union Pacific officials to send the body, now in the unmarked grave at Sidney, to New York.

Pressler was 28 years old. He came to this country from Berlin a little over a year ago, and went to the home of his uncle. Oscar Pheffer, at 222 Keap street. Williamsburg. On Jan. 13, Mr. Pfieffer informed the police that Pressler had disappeared in amysterious manner from a railroa! train on the way to the Pacific Coast. The young man had started for the Hawaiian Islands, and friends accompanied him on the train as far as Chicago. That was the last heard of him. His friends believed that he had gone to the Philippines with a Western regiment, intending to notify his relatives regiment, intending to notify his relatives

Trance Medium Arrested for Fraud.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 23.-Belle Eddy, allas Mrs. R. B. Yates of Cleveland. a trance medium. was arrested by the police at Youngstown today. The warrant was sworn out by Post Office Inspector James J. Larmour. It is charged that Mrs. Yates devised a scheme to defraud Mrs. C. L. Common of this city by means of the post office. Behind the legal verbiage employed in the warrant is a tale of hypnotism and mystic power wherein Mrs. Common was defrauded out of \$10,000. Mrs. Yates said she was able to find Mrs. Common's son and her dead husband's relative. husband's relatives.

Harrisburg "Patriot" Burned Out Partly. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 24.-A fire to-night almost destroyed the Patriot newspaper building on Market street and damaged the Globe Clothing House adjoining to a slight extent. The fire started in the Harrisburg shirt factory on the fourth floor, and the firsmen were unable to conquer the blaze before 11 o'clock. The plant of the newspaper was damaged seriously, mostly by water. The other newspapers tendered their facilities and the Jainot will be issued to-morrow morning.

Two Arrests for the Eyre Murder.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 24.—James and Amos Pierce were arrested late to-night by Chief of Police Berry of Chester, Pa., and locked up in jail, charged with the recent murder of ter. The question of jurisdiction has been disposed of, the Jersey authorities agreeing that the prosecution shall take place in Pennsylvania. The murdered man was buried to-day.

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MAIN'S CIRCUS UNDER THE HAMMER.

Proprietor Sells Out Because He's Rich, Not in Good Health, and Wants to Quit. GENEVA. Ohio, Jan. 24.-The sale at public auction of the entire circus and menagerie owned by Walter L. Main occurred here today. Last season it was the third largest circus in America. Lions, tigers, elephants and other animals went under the hammer to the highest bidder, and in like manner rolling equipment, from Roman chariots to fine private rallway cars, was disposed of to be iscattered

to different parts of the country. The announcement that this event would take place was a great surprise to the show world. The owner is still under forty years. When asked to-day for the reason for the sale Mr. Main said he had become independently rich, and being in ill health did not care to be burdened with the responsibility of the show. Being unwilling to allow it to go out unless he could accompany it, he decided that the auctioneer's hammer was the quickest means of profitable disposal. Among the bidders were W. W. Cole of New York, representing Barnum & Batley; John Otto and A. Ringling of Ringling Bros., Baraboo, Wis.; Lewis Sells, Columbus, Ohio; B. E. Wallace, Peru, Ind., and William Sells and E. D. Colvin of Chicago, When asked in regard to the show combination which it is reported has been formed between Barnum & Batley, Sells Bros, and Forepauch the men concerned said that no further information on the subject could be given at present as the matter awaits a concession from Peter Sells of Columbus. From other sources it is learned to-day, however, that in 1902 this combination will be formed.

Main started as a country lad without capital and has made a fortune in the show business in fifteen years. He began with cight horses and a round-top tent. In 1863 his entire circus train was ditched near Tyrone, Pa, and the cars and cages broken open. The responsibility of the show. Being unwilling to

tire circus train was ditched hear Tyrone, Pa., and the cars and cages broken open. The animals roamed the Pennsylvania hills for several days and terrorized the inhabitants thereof. Main says that he sees no financial crash awaiting circuses next season. He will leave shortly for Paris and will make a tour of the world before returning to Geneva.

TAILOR HUGGED A CUSTOMER.

Didn't Think a \$5 Fine Enough to Pay for It so the Magistrate Fined Him \$10. Joseph Freedman, a ladies' tailor of 748 Lexington avenue, was summoned to the Yorkville police court yesterday on the com-Sixty-second street and Mrs. Theodora Wight of 1201 Carnegie Hall, who declared that he

had annoyed them. "I went there to pay a dressmaking bill, said Mrs. Wight, "and Miss Wooding accomsaid Mrs. Wight, "and Miss Wooding accompanied me. In the office the man put his arm
about my friend's neck and said he feit honored in having the acquaintance of one of the
400. His familiarity has so disturbed her that
she has been nervous since. She did not want
to make a complaint, but I thought such conduct should not pass unnoticed.
"I deny the whole thing," declared the
tailor. "I was most respectful."
Magistrate Brann announced that he believed the complainants and fined the man \$5.
"If am guilty \$5 is not enough punishment,
I am not satisfied and protest against it," said
the prisoner.

the prisoner. "Well, I'll make it \$10 then," said the Magis-

trate.
I want to appeal to a higher court. I'm not satisfied yet," responded the tailor.
"I'll make the fine \$100 if you don't keep quiet," admonished the Magistrate and Freedman subsided.

A ROCKEFELLER STEEL PLANTS Incorporation of a Short Bailroad Line

Gives Color to a Recent Report. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 24.-The incorpora-

"Youngstown is fifty-five miles from the port according to the route that the road will take. The new company intends to cut off the grades, which have embarrassed the old lake division branch of the Pittsburg and Western road since its construction, by going around all of the hills. It is proposed to take a route toward the east and then come out alongside of the Pittsburg and Western tracks near West Farmington. From this point to Youngstown the route will be comparatively straight At Fairport ground has been leased for the construction of the steel plant. The residents have been informed that the construction of the plant is a certhat the construction of the plant is a cer-tainty.

GUGGENHEIMER COULDN'T RUN. Says He's a Gold Man and Really Wouldn't

Take a Place on Bryan's Ticket. CHICAGO, Jan. 24.-Rudolph Guggenheimer. President of the Council of New York, is at the Auditorium Annex on his way to the city of Mexico to see President Diaz. In speaking of his boom for the Vice-Presidential nomination on

the Democratic ticket Mr. Guggenheimer said: "I have paid no attention whatever to the matter. I was first mentioned for the nomination by my friends in Virginia, which is my nation by my friends in virginia, which is my native State, and the suggestion was immediately taken up by the New York papers. I do not see how I could run on the same ticket with Bryan if the money issue is made prominent. I am a gold man and will stick to my principles. Bryan seems to be strong in New York, and I do not know that the rank and file of Tammany will oppose him. Tammany will contain the party whose results in the party whose results. Tammany will oppose him. Tammany will stand by the nominee of the party, whoever he is. Mr. Croker seems to favor Bryan.

"The New York papers have charged me with leaving the city to avoid meeting Bryan. That is not true. I am merely seeking a much needed vacation. I think that O. H. P. Belmont is the man most likely to be the Vice-Presidential nominee. His ideas on the money question do not conflict with those of Mr. Bryan, and, in addition, he is an able man, with large influence."

THE BAN ON ROGER WILLIAMS.

with large influence."

tence of expulsion passed by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay in 1635 against Roger williams. The Rev. T. F. Merriman of Cambridge was the main speaker in favor of the resoive. He said that this was the third time that the request had been made to the General Court, once by Eoger Williams himself and again last year. Last year there was not sufficient time for it, and the resolve had been brought to this session.

Mr. Merriman then sketched briefly the causes which led to Williams's expulsion, saying that the main objection the General Court had to him was his refusal to accept a call to the First Church of Boston and because he gave a reason for his refusal that he would not preach for a church where the magistrates might meddle with the discipline. dle with the discipline.

\$50,000 Special Gift to Chicago University From Mr. Rockefeller.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—John D. Rockefeller will give the University of Chicago \$50,000 as a re-sult of the recent acquisition of the Gurley paleontological collection. The Gurley speci-mens include 700,000 Mississippi Valley neas include 100,000 Mississippi Valley fossils. The collection was vilued at \$125,000, and its gatherer agreed to contribute \$50,000 of the sum, the rest being paid by the Uni-versity. Mr. Bogkefeller has offered to pay \$50,000 of the \$75,000 necessary to make unamount, if the rest is raised by President Harper.

Havana's "Leper Priest" in This Country. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 24.-The Rev. George B. Eyre, the wealthy resident of Ches- | Father Mulhaney, the "leper priest" in charge of the Havana Lazaretto, arrived to-night from Cuba and will leave in the morning for New Orleans, where he will investigate some sus-pleious cases. He has 500 leper cases in Ha-vana and thinks the disease is increasing

> Golf at "The Jefferson," Richmond. Mr. Green, Asst. Mgr., will be at New York office, 3 Park place, for few days to meet parties interested.

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WOMEN WERE PENNED IN BY THE FLAMES AND ONE JUMPED.

Her Jaw and Arm Broken-Another Inhaled Fire and Died in the Hospital -Girl Hanging From a Shutter Seized in the Nick of Time-Four Persons Carried Out by a Fireman Along a Narrow Ledge

A little girl attempted to light a gas jet with a wax taper in the parlor of Mrs. Anna Smith's boarding house at 415 West Fifty-seventh street, yesterday afternoon. To reach the jet she placed a stool on a chair and then climbed up on the edifice she had creeted. As she did so, she lost her balance and fell. The taper brushed against one of the portieres and it blazed up instantly. The little girl ran screaming from the room. By the time that she reached Mrs. Smith, who was on the second floor, the flames had spread into the hall and had communicated with the staircase that led

to the floors above. About half of the people in the house were in the basement at dinner. The other half were dressing in their rooms on the four upper floors. Those in the basement ran out to the street at the first alarm, and the others leaned out of the windows and shouted for help. An alarm was sent in and Engine 23, which has quarters in Fifty-eighth street, was on the spot within three or four minutes. By this time flames were spouting out of the

windows of the first floor, and smoke was aiready coming from the upper windows. The crowd that had gathered in tront of the house shouted to the firemen that a number of women were on the second floor cut off from escape. Driver Daniel L. Simonson of the tender and Driver John J. Price of the engine ran into the house at 413, next door, and made their way to the front oom on the second floor. There they found Martin Reddy, 19 years old, of 425 West Fiftysixth street, who had preceded them and had opened the front windows. Reddy was about to elimbout on the ledge when the firemen came. He allowed Simonson to go instead.

The smoke was pouring from the windows, but Simonson crawled along the narrow ledge until he came to the nearest window of the burning house. Close to the two windows were two women, paralyzed by fear. Simonson shouted to them to come to him, but they were too scared to move. When he realized that, he took hold of the window easing with his left hand, and with his right arm around the waist of one of the women, pulled her out alongside him on the ledge and worked his way back with her to the window at 413, where Price and leddy grabbed her and hauled her in. Then Simonson made his way back and rescued the other woman in the same way. One of the women rescued had gray hair. She said that she was Mrs. Smith. The other woman was so scared that she could not give her name, and Simonson did not have time to ask many questions.

"Are there any more in the house?" was the "Are there any more in the house?" was the only query he put to the two.

"Lots of them" replied Mrs. Smith with a sob.
"There's more on that same floor.
Simonson started back along the ledge.
When he reached the windows of the burning house again he could see the flames coming in through the doors leaving into the hails. He groped his way through the two front rooms calling out for anybody there to answer him. At last he heard a man's voice calling for help. "Come to me," shouled Simonson.
"I can't leave this room," replied the man.
"Come to me, you damned coward," shouled Simonson, thinking that the man was afraid to move.

tion at Columbus on Tuesday of the Fairport and Youngstown Railroad was looked on by Cieveland iron men as confirmation of the report published some weeks ago that a great steel plant to compete with the steel trusts is to be built at Fairport, the lake port for Painesville, by John D. Rockefeller. The railroad is intended to pierce the coal fields of the Mahoning Valley and will supply the steel plant with fuel. A special despatch to-night from Painesville says:

"Youngstown Railroad was looked on by Tain the report published some weeks ago that a great sick in bed and I can't leave her. You'll find us in the back room."

Simonson went there and in the room found Dr. and Mrs. Henry P. Stiles. Mrs. Stiles remained as to go with Simonson unless he took arong a valuable Irish switer dog that was in the room. Simonson took Mrs. Stiles in his arms and the doctor took the dog, and they groped their way to the front windows. Then simonson carried irist Mrs. Stiles, then the dog, and then Dr. Stiles along the parrow ledge and passed them over to Price and Reddy. He would nave made still another the fames burst from the troops when the reply, "but my wife is to move.

"I ain't araid," came the reply, "but my wife is keep in the day in the day of the man was arraid. Reddy. He would have made still another trip to the rooms but the flames burst from the windows and he saw that it would be impossi-

windows and he saw that it would be impossible to enter.

In the meantime, Firemen Larry McGuire and George Burns of Truck 21 had put up ladders to the third floor and entered, although the floor and the wood on the stdes of the walls were blazing. Here they found the two daughters of John W. Miles, Helen, 25 years old, and Natale, ily years old, and Miss Anna Holland, all of whom lived on that floor. The clothing of the three women was burning, While one ilreman devoted his attention to extinguishing the burning cloth, the other succeeded in putting out the fire in the room for the time being. The three women were so badly frightened that they were helpless and the disses Miles were carried down the ladder. Miss Natale Miles's hair was burned off and she was badly scorched about the ince and body. She was unconscious when carried down. She was unconscious when carried down. She was serried to Quencer's drugstore at Fifty-seventh street and Columbus avenue, and a call was sent to Roosevet Hospital for an ambulance. Miss

when carried down. She was carried to uneneer's drugstore at Fifty-seventh street and columbus avenue, and a call was sent to Roosevelt Hospital for an ambulance. Miss lielen filles was also taken there, but she had not been burned so seriously although she was suffering great pain.

Dr. I aul J. Werner of 35st West Forty-eighth street, who was bassing the house, went into the drugstore and began to work over the unconscious form of Miss Natalie Miles. To move more freely he unbuttoned his coat and waist-coat. While he was working, some one stole his watch and fob which was presented to him in Europe two years ago and which he valued at \$150.

In the meantime Miss Holland had become so terrified that she could not wait for the firement to arrive for her. She ran to one of the rest windows and jumped to the ground three flights below. She was picked up unconscious and was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was found that her law and her let arm were broken and that she was seriously burned about the head and arms. She is a dressmaker, and recently came to this city from Hartford. Coan.

The Misses Miles were taken to Roosevelt also. There it was seen that Miss Natalie had inhaled some of the flames and that there was but a slight chance of saving her life. The surgeons worked over her for several hours, but about 90 clock last night she died of her injuries. There is hope that Miss Holland will recover and the surgeons say that Miss Helen Miles certainly will.

Other rescue work was going on while am-

Hearing On the Resolve to Revoke the Massachusetts Decree of 1635.

Boston, Jan. 24.—The House Committee on Judiciary gave a hearing this afternoon on a Judiciary gave a hearing this afternoon of the senwas groping through the rooms he heard es for help, and on reaching the back room

cries for help, and on reaching the back room he found a young woman hanging outside one of the windows. Her hands were tightly clasped on a shutter and she was swaying to and tro. She shouted to him to hurry, as her hold was giving way, and he grasped her by the wrists just in the nick of time and pulled her into the room. Then he carried her to the street down the ladder. She said she was Miss Florence Frost, and that she lived in the Windermere apartment house across the street. She had been paying a social visit to the Misses Miles, she expanied, and ran to the window and hung outsi ic from the shutter to escape being sufformed by the smoke.

Exiward Corr gan, who lives on the top floor, we the only terson on the thoughter or saile from the shutter to escape being suitoed by the smoke.
Aiward Corr gan, who lives on the top floor,
a the only person on that floor at the time of
fire. He and presence of mind enough to
not the roof and escape into the next house,
it rook the firemen fully two hours to put the
cost. Mrs. Smith places her loss at \$7,000,
hile the losses to the boarders in the house
age from \$100 to \$5,000 each. John Quinn,
hich ac valued at \$2,500, had been almost
arrely ruined by water. The damage to the
case is placed at \$3,000. The loss is largely
overed by insurance. vered by insurance. The house was a four-and-a-half story and The house was a four-and-a-half story and basement brownstone front building owned by Francis H. Macy and leased by Mrs. Smith. On the parior floor flyed Mrs. E. J. Lord, het granddaughter. Miss Ethel Potter, and Mrs. Smith. Dr. and Mrs. Henry R. Stiles and Mr. D. Price lived on the second floor. On the third floor flyed John W. Miles of the Meriden Brittania Company of Union Square. his twice daughters and his son Russell, Mr. Anton McZ and Mrs. Anna Holland. The top floor was tenanted by Mr. Corrigan, Miss dda Smith, daughter of Mrs. Smith, and Long Quinn.

Bridegroom 70, Bride 60.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.-John Henry Meir. aged 70 years, and Marguerite Eckart, aged of the bridgeroom. The bride has been a widow for twenty years and the bridgeroom has been a widow for twenty years and the bridgeroom has been a widower for two years. He is a bricklayer and still works at his trade.

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THREATS BY CONSESSE PIRATES. Blackmail Demanded From the Foreign

trails Despatch to THE SUN.

10. Van. A.—Made bold by their reare again attempting to the The cent a ccesses, lirates are again attempting to blackman for an firms in Canton. They have demanded 10,000 tacls from the China Merchan Steamship Company and 5,000 taels each from the Reuter-Brockelman Company and the Deacon Company under threat of

blowing up their offices with dynamite. The Chinese authorities are consulting with the foreign consuls regarding the matter. The German gunboat Iltis has been summoned and is now anchored off Shameen.

DR. KELLEY WILL KILL HIS SNAKES The Johns Hopkins Medical Lectures

Wishes to Run no More Risks. BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.-His experience with a rattlesnake has caused Dr. Howard A. Kelley of the Johns Hopkins Hospital to decide to do away with his collection of dangerous reptiles Dr. Kelley was bitten by a rattler he was exhibiting to a class on Monday. Although he has suffered no inconvenience from the bite, the doctor has decided that he has had enough of bad snakes for the present. The poisonous snakes, including several rattlers, copperheads and moccasins, will be killed, but the harmless varieties the doctor will keep Before the snakes are killed, however, Dr. Kelley will have pictures made of them by an

artist. Dr. Kelley attributes his narrow escape from death by poison to the fact that he drew away his hand so quickly that the snake did not have an opportunity to inject a suffieient quantity of the venom into it to harm him. He said that he experienced no pain more than if he had been

no pain more than if he had been pricked with a good speed needle. He declared that he did not believe that whiskey was an antidote for snake poison, as more persons have been killed from the antidote than from bites.

SINGER SAID, "YOU ARE VERY RUDE,"

Dorothy Morton Rebukes a Box Party in a Quebec Theatre.

QUEBEC, Jan. 24.—Miss Dorothy Morton, prima donna of "The Greek Slave" comic opera company of New York, now touring Canada, created a sensation in the last act at the Academy of Music last night by rushing to the front of the stage, pointing directly at the occupants of a box and calling out. "You are very rude."

The audience was not sure to whom the actress referred, many supposing that she was pointing at two members of the local Legislature who occupied one of the boxes, and who, conscious that they had none nothing to merit the rebuke, called on Miss Morton immediately after the perforformance to demand an explaination. She declared that she had no reference to them, but to a woman in another box, who is a party, while the other became the iteritory of this Government through the session by spain of her soverighty. A fine distinction of the resourcing the submertal in the submertal is drawn between Puerto Rico and the Philippines by the Democrats. They agree to accept the one, but reject the other. Having accept del Puerto, lice under the treaty and Spain having eedel her sovereighty. A fine distinction of the stage having accepted Puerto Rico and the Philippines by the Democrats with a laws of the United States, Here, however, their agreement with the was of the Lond that all the laws of the United States, Here, however, their agreement with the stage accepted Puerto Rico and the Philippines are conceptant, the Democrats with the laws of the United States, Here, however, there are the care with the laws of the United States, how dealed the sovereighty. A fine distinction of the Indian and the United States, Here, however, the performent through the part of Rico and the United States, Here, however, t pointing at two members of the local Legisla-ture who occupied one of the boxes, and who, conscious that they had none nothing to merit the rebuke, called on Miss Morton immediately after the perforformance to demand an expia-nation. She declared that she had no reference to them, but to a woman in another box, who had caused her considerable annoyance during the evening. The politicians insisted on a letter to that effect and finally got it. The women who occupied the adjoining box are leaders of Quebec society, and it is said that what excited the actress's indignation was a remark by one of them that her dia-monds were paste.

DEFAULTER BACK FROM MOROCCO No Extradition There, but Hunter Was

Out of Money and Homesick. T. J. Hunter, the defaulting auditor of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad, who fled to Europe last fall, arrived yesterday from Gibraltar aboard the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II, in tar aboard the steamship haiser Wilhelm II. in charge of Detective John W. Rogers of the Pinkerton Agency and W. P. Hili, the railroad company's lawrer. Hunter is accused of robbing the company of \$15,000 by aitering the pay accounts. He came to this city from Atlanta and under an assumed name took passage aboard a liner that landed him at Queenstown. Detective Rogers, acting as an agent of the State Department, traced Hunter through Ireland to Tangier, Morocco. through freiand to Tangler. Morocco, with which the United States has no extradition treaty. Hunter was held by the Morocco authorities at the request of the detective. As he was out of money and homesick he permitted himself to be persuaded to return to America. He will be taken to Atlanta for trial.

\$100,000 GIFT TO EACH CHILD.

Col. Ellwood's Christmus Presents to His Five Children, All of Them Minors. CHICAGO, Jan. 24.-Col. Isaac Ellwood, the fron and steel trust magnate, who is said to be a candidate for the United States Senatorship to succeed Shelby M. Cullom, presented on Christmas morning to each of his five children a check for \$100,000. Then, thinking that it was a holiday and that the checks could not be cashed, he gave each of them five \$10 gold pieces. The matter came to light to-day through a clerk. Mr. Eliwood refused to explain why he had divided such a large sum of money among his children, all of whom are a candidate for the United States Senatorship

minors and some of whom are very young.

MIDWINIER PRAIRIE FIRE,

Unprecedented Occurrence in Montana -Several Ranch Buildings Burned. HELENA, Mon., Jan. 24. - Something unprecedented in Montana, a prairie fire in midwinter, is raging in Teton county in the northern part of the State. A lack of snow and constant winds have dried and parched the prairie grass, rendering it very com-Sparks from a ranch chimney set fire to the busible.

Sparks from a ranch chimney set fire to the brairie near Clark Brothers' extensive sheep ranch and the flames spread rapidly. At last reports a stretch of land five miles long and two miles wide had been burned over, including a vast amount of hay and several ranch buildings.

buildings. SKELETONS DUG UP AT NAVY YARD.

Thought to Be Bones of Revolutionary Soldiers Who Died in a Prison Ship. The bones of two skeletons were unearthed at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn yesterday by laborers who were excavating a cellar for the extension building, No. 33, near the Commanextension outding, No. 33, hear the Commandant's office. Capt, Wildes and Rear Admiral Philip were notified and they ordered the bones to be placed in a box. What disposition will be made of them. Capt, Wildes has not yet determined. He said last night the suggestion had been made that the skeletons were probably those of patriotic solders, who lost their lives while in arcerated in a prison ship stationed in Wallabout Bay during the Board.

DISARMED EVERY MAN IN TOWN. Texas Rangers Keep the Peace in a Murder

Trial With 1,240 Witnesses. Austin, Tex., Jan. 24.-The untiring vigilance of the large force of Rangers at Bastrop prevented another outbreak of the Colorado county foud to-day. Nearly two thousand foudlats are in the little town to attend the trial of the men charged with the killing of Thurber ford. There are 1.240 witnesses in the case, the Rangers have disarmed every man in the

Prof. E. J. Phelps Seriously Ill. New Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.-Prof. Edward

Phelps who was United States Minister to England under the first Cleveland Administra-tion, did not meet his classes in the Yale Law School on Friday last, but it was thought that his classes was only slight. It was found that he was suffering from pneumonia. His condi-tion is serious though not necessarily danger-ous, as there are as yet no apparent complica-tors in the discovery. ous, as there are as yet no apparent complica-tions in the disease.

SHARON, Pa., Jan. 24.-Notices were posted to-day at the Sharon, New Castle and Youngstown works of the National Steel Company of a 10 per cent, voluntary advance in wages where one or more increases have not already been made during the past year. The advance dates back to Jan. I and benefits several thous-and men.

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CAUCUS OF SENATORS AGREE AS TO OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

DEMOCRATS ADOPT A POLICY

They Accept Puerto Rico and Hawali American Territory and Favor the Extension of All Our Laws Over It -Admin-

istration Philippine Policy Opposed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Democratic Senators to-day held their first caucus since the Administration's policy with respect to the new possessions has been at least partially defined, and agreed upon a line of concerted action with respect to that policy when It shah come before the Senate in the shape of proposed legislation. As a rule the line of action agreed upon at this caucus is one of opposition. In one thing only does there appear to have been an agreement with the policy of the President, and that is in regard to his proposition for free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico. This, of course, is because such free interchange of traffle between Puerto Rico and the United States is in the direction of free markets. which is the fundamental principle of the Democratic party. If the Democratic Senators could extend this policy to Cuba and the Phile ippines they would gladly do so, but the futility of such an effort is apparent even to them. In to-day's caucus there was a free inter-

change of views, and by common consent a programme was agreed upon, although no motion of any kind was put and no resoutions offered. The Democrats accepted Puerto Rico and Hawaii as United States territory without question-ing that fact. The one came by annexa-tion, to which the Senate was a party, while the other became the iterritory of this Government through the cession by Spain

that."
It was also agreed that a free coinage substitute should be offered for the Republican currency measure now bending in the Senate. This, of course, will get every Democratic vote except those of Lindsay of Kentucky and Caffery of Louisiana. The contested election cases now pending in the Senate were not, it is said, discussed.

OLYMPIA'S PET PIG IN COURT.

Dispute in Boston as to the Ownership of the Cruiser's Porker. Boston, Jan. 24,-"Sagasta," the pet pig of Admiral Dewey's crew and the mascot of the ranged to exhibit the pig for \$25 a week, but was ordered to Portsmouth, N. H., before the pig was sent to the store.

During Olaf's absence the negotiations were completed and Arthur Olsen collected the pay for two weeks. The store proprietors learning that the pig did not belong to the boarding-house.

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Resper refused to make further payments to him for fear that the real owner might make claim for the money. Arthur Olsen says that Olaf gave the pig to him outright, but this is denied by Olaf. The case is in court to deter-mine the ownership. mine the ownership.

FIRE COST CAPT, TOBIN HIS LIFE.

Pneumonia Followed the Suffocation He Underwent in Fifty-ninth Street. Capt. Edward Tobin of Engine 23, who was injured in the back by a fall and overcome by smoke at a fire two weeks ago at 310 West Fifty-ninth street, died in Roosevelt Hospital last night. A few days after the fire pneumonia developed, which was the immediate cause of death. He had been in the Fire Decause of death. He had been in the Fire Department for a long time and for several years was in command at Fire Headquarters at East Sixty-seventh street. At the dre in Fifty-ninth street he led his men repeatedly into an Intolerable smoke caused by a confined life between a pitchpine floor and a wooden ceiting. Finally he fell and hurt his back. The luneral will take place from his home, 126 West Sixty-first street, but the time had not been fixed last evening. He leaves a widow and seven sons.

FIRE SWEEPS TWO MINING TOWNS.

75 Familes Homeless in Lafayette BOULDER, Col., Jan 24.-Fire started this morning in the town of Ward and not a busi-ness house is left standing. The wind was blowing a gale and an inadequate water supply left the town at the mercy of the flames. The loss is from \$75,090 to \$100,000. Ward was located in 1870. It is surrounded by low grade

At Lanyette, a coal mining town, also in Boulder county, seventy-five families are homeless to-night. Almost every house in the town was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is about \$100,000, and falls principally on the Northern Coal Company. Exactly ten years ago to-day. Latavette was visited by a destructive evelope.

NEW OFFICE FOR A. COMSTOCK? Report Abroad That He Is to Be Chief of

Police of Summit. SUMMIT, N. J., Jan. 24.—The adoption of an amendment to the police ordinance giving the Police Committee of the Common Council the power to appoint a Chief of Police to serve without compensation, has led to the report that Anthony Comstock is to have the place. This report has caused all law breakers in this vicinity to shiver with fear. Mr. Comstock is a resident of Summit and as such is eligible to the office of Chief of Police.

Moonshiner Shot Dead. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 24 -Word has just reached here from Hindman, Ky, up is mountains, that a fight between United States marshals and moonshiners took place near the edge of Breathitt county on Monday, while a raid was being made on a still. The Deputy Collector of the Eighth district and a Deputy Marshal aided by four men raided a large still. They encountered two men who showed fight. Bud Noble, leader of the moonshiners, was shot and killed by Horton.

Deer Captured in Portsmouth, N. H.

seen running through a thickly settled part of the city. It came to the Boston of the city. It came to the Boston and Maine Railroad station, paused a mement at the door and then dashed through and out upon Bridge street. A growd of boys and men gave chase, but the animal was too feet for them, and if it had not been for a setter dog that worried his heels, he might have escaped. Finally, after along run, the deer was headed into a yard surrounded by a picket fence and was captured alive. He was wet and tired and must have run a long distance.

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